a physician must treat the patient and that no physician shall arbitrarily refuse treatment of a patient. Any complaints with regard to such professional misconduct can be brought before the Medical Council of India or the concerned State Medical Council, as the case may be, for disciplinary action. If found guilty, the appropriate Medical Council may award such punishment as deemed necessary or may direct the removal altogether or for a specified period from the register of the name of the delinquent Registered Medical Practitioner.

CGHS Dispensary in NOIDA

570. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NOIDA which consists of more than 107 sectors has got only one CGHS Dispensary;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the patients have to wait for hours to get their turn to get medicines or the medical consultation;

(d) whether there is a proposal to set up more CGHS Dispensaries in NOIDA; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. There is only one sanctioned dispensary at NOIDA.

(c) At the above to ensure dispensary, efforts have been made that beneficiaries do not have to wait for long to get consultation or obtain medicines. Arrangements have been made for distribution of medicines at three counters, two for issue of local purchase medicines separately for serving and pensioner beneficiaries and the third counter for dispensing medicines available in the dispensary stock. Five to six doctors are available in the dispensary during morning shift for providing medical consultation to the beneficiaries.

(d) and (e) Although there is a demand to open another CGHS dispensary at NOIDA, but due to constraints of resources and manpower the dispensary cannot be opened at present.